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Honorable James C. Francis United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street, Room 18D New York, New York 10007

Re: United States of America, ex rel., et al v. Novartis Pharmaceuticals

Corporation

Case No. 1:11-cv-08196-CM (S.D.N.Y.)

Dear Judge Francis:

This Office represents the State of Wisconsin in the above-referenced action, which was initially filed by the Relator pursuant to the provisions of the federal False Claims Act, as amended, 31 U.S.C §§ 3729 et seq., and similar state statutes such as the Wisconsin False Claims For Medical Assistance Law, § 20.931. I have been authorized to write on behalf of the plaintiff states of Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin in regard to their attendance at the upcoming oral argument in this case.

I write the Court requesting an appearance by teleconference for the oral argument scheduled on November 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. for those states unable to attend in person. The states will make the arrangements for a call-in number, if their request is granted. Those state representatives that wish to appear by teleconference are as follows:

Elizabeth White, AAG – Georgia Elisa Cervantes Hamilton, AAG – Illinois Lawrence J. Carcare II, DAG - Indiana Jeremy Dykes, AAG – Maryland Christopher Robinson, AAG - Oklahoma Katie M. Wilson, AAG – Wisconsin

The parties appreciate the Court's consideration of this request and await your response.

Sincerely,

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cc: all parties via ECF State of Minnesota Deborah Harper via USPS Niki S. Batt via USPS